

§Appl. No. 10/510,334
Amdt. dated December 27, 2007
Reply to Office Action of, October 4, 2007

REMARKS

The issues outstanding in the Office Action mailed October 4, 2007, are the rejections under 35 U.S.C § 112 and 102. Reconsideration of these issues, in view of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 1 - 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) over Uehara. Cancellation of these claims renders this rejection moot.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C § 112

Claims 8 - 13 (indicated as being allowable over the art at page 3 of the Office Action) have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 8 has been amended in order to resolve the issue concerning antecedent basis, by defining the dispersion liquid, and to clarify that it is the coated base which is dried, as evident, for example, from page 9, lines 18+.

With respect to the term "base", it is believed evident that in the present context (the electrode art) it is not a compound containing hydroxy group which is intended, but rather the conventional definition of "base" in the electrode art: a support surface for an electrode. Indeed, this definition is provided at page 6, lines 7 - 9 of the Specification, where "base" is defined as "the base material for the positive-electrode active material before coating." It is thus respectfully submitted that the term is used in a clear manner in the claim, and withdrawal of this portion of the rejection is respectfully requested.

With respect to the objection to claims 4, 6, 9 and 12, it is submitted that rewriting of claims 9 and 12 in a form more usual for U.S. practice obviates this rejection.

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Finally, with respect to the Brief Description of the Drawing, this passage has been eliminated from the Specification inasmuch as the drawings are not contained in the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance, however, if the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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